

20. (New) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the hair
is head hair.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to place the claims in conformity with United States patent practice.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) A method for attenuating, reducing or stopping the growth of hair which comprises using [Use of] at least one prostaglandin EP-3 receptor agonist [as a cosmetic agent for attenuating, reducing or stopping the growth of head hair and other hairs].

2. (Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the agonist is [agonists are chosen from] selected from the group consisting of sulprostone, compound TEI3356, compound M&B-28767, and prostaglandin PGE1.

3. (Twice Amended) The method [Use of prostaglandin EP-3 receptor agonists] according to Claim 1, [in or for the preparation of a cosmetic composition for topical application, for attenuating, reducing or stopping the growth of head hair and other hairs] wherein the agonist is applied in a composition suitable for topical administration.

4. (Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the [said cosmetic] composition [contains] comprises from 0.001% to 10% [and preferably from 0.1% to 5%] of the agonist by weight relative to the weight of the composition.

5. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim

3, [characterized in that] wherein the cosmetic [compositions may also contain] composition further comprises a prostaglandin EP-2 receptor antagonist, a prostaglandin [and] EP-4 receptor antagonist, or a combination thereof [antagonists, in order to increase the loss of head hair and other hairs].

6. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the composition [also contains] further comprises a cosmetically acceptable medium [consisting of] including water or water and at least one organic solvent [chosen] selected from the group consisting of hydrophilic organic solvents, lipophilic organic solvents, [and] amphiphilic solvents, [or] and mixtures thereof.

7. (Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 6, [characterized in that] wherein the organic [solvents are chosen] solvent is selected from the group consisting of monofunctional or polyfunctional alcohols, [optionally] oxyethylenated polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycol esters, sorbitol and [its] derivatives thereof, dialkyl isosorbides, glycol ethers, polypropylene glycol ethers, and fatty esters.

8. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 6, [characterized in that] wherein the organic [solvent(s) represent(s)] solvent is present in an amount of [from] 5% to 98% of the total weight of the composition.

9. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the composition [also] further comprises at least one fatty phase.

10. (Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 9, [characterized in that] wherein the fatty phase [represents from] is present in an amount of [0% to] 50% or less of the total weight of the composition.

11. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the composition [also contains] further comprises at least one additive [chosen] selected from the group consisting of: conventional hydrophilic or lipophilic gelling agents; conventional hydrophilic or lipophilic [and/or] thickeners; hydrophilic or lipophilic active agents; preserving agents; antioxidants; fragrances; emulsifiers; moisturizers; pigmenting agents; depigmenting agents; keratolytic agents; vitamins; emollients; sequestering agents; surfactants; polymers; acidifying or basifying agents; fillers; free-radical scavengers; ceramides; sunscreens; insect repellents; slimming agents; colorants; bactericides; and anti-dandruff agents.

12. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the composition is [in the form of] an aqueous solution, an aqueous-alcoholic solution, [or] an oily solution, an oil-in-water emulsion, a [or] water-in-oil emulsion, a [or] multiple, an aqueous gel, an [or] oily gel, a

liquid anhydrous product, a pasty anhydrous product, a [or] solid anhydrous product, or a dispersion of oil in an aqueous phase with the aid of spherules.

13. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the composition has [the] an appearance of a white cream, a colored [or coloured] cream, an ointment, a milk, a lotion, a serum, a paste, a mousse, or a solid.

14. (Twice Amended) The method [Use] according to Claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein the composition has a pH of between 3 and 8.

15. (Twice Amended) A cosmetic [Cosmetic] treatment process for attenuating, reducing or stopping the growth of [head] hair [and other hairs, characterized in that it consists in] which comprises ~~applying to the [head] hair [and other hairs]~~ a cosmetically effective amount of [agonists] the agonist of [as defined in] Claim 1.

16. (Twice Amended) A cosmetic [Cosmetic] treatment process for attenuating, reducing or stopping the growth of [head] hair [and other hairs, characterized in that it consists in] which comprises applying to the [head] hair and [other hairs] a cosmetic the composition [as defined in] of Claim 3.